(घ) केबलों की चोरी की घटनाओं में कितने अधिकारी और ठेकेदार लिप्त पाए गए हैं;

संचार मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री पी०वी० रंगैया नायडू) : (क) केबल बिछाने के संबंध में विस्तृत विभागीय अनुदेश विद्यमान हैं । तथापि भूमिगत टेलीफोन स्थानीय केबलों को खंदकों में बिछाने के लिए महत्वपूर्ण नियम नीचे लिखे अनुसार हैं :—

(i) खंदक की गहराई आमतौर पर एक मीटर या इससे अधिक होनी चाहिए जो केबल की किस्म और उसके प्रयोग पर निर्भर करती है ।

(ii) खंदक की चौड़ाई 30 से० मी० से 45से० मी० तक होनी चाहिए जो बिछाई जाने वाली केबलों की संख्या पर निर्भर करती है ।

(iii) केबल की सुरक्षा : खंदक की सतह समतल की जाती है और उसमें एक भी पत्थर नही होना है । केबल को मिट्टी और रेत से ढका जाता है । केबल को नुकसान से बचाने के लिए उसके ऊपर चेतावनी की तख्ती लगाई जाती है और ईंटों अथवा पत्थर की सिलियों से ढका जाता है ।

सड़कों को चौराहों, आदि पर उचित सामग्री से निर्मित पाइपों का प्रयोग किया जाता है ।

(iv) मौजूदा सेवाओं से दूरी : बिजली की केबलों, पानी के पाइपों आदि जैसी मौजूदा सेवाओं से इन्हें उपयुक्त दूरी पर रखा जाता है ।

(v) केबलों के भूमिगत डक्टों में भी बिछाया जाता है जो इस प्रयोजन के लिए पहले से ही बनाए हुए होते हैं ।

(ख) अधिकांश मामलों में निर्धारित नियमों का पालन किया जा रहा है । यदि निर्धारित अनुदेशों का कहीं उल्लंघन पाया जाता है तो दोषी अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध विभागीय कार्रवाई की जाती है और ठेकेदार के विरुद्ध भी ठेके की शर्तों के अनुसार अनुपेय कार्रवाई की जाती है

(ग) केबलों को नियमानुसार बिछाने में लापरवाही प्रदर्शित करने के लिए उत्तरदायी पाए गए अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध निर्धारित कार्यविधि के अनुसार और साथ ही ठेकेदारों के विरुद्ध ठेके की शर्तों के अनुसार उचित कार्रवाई की जाती है ।

(घ) सूचना एकत्रित की जा रही है और सदन पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Non functioning of exchanges in Madhya Pradesh

3685. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:

SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of complaints have recently been received from the STD subscribers in M.P. about the non-functioning of exchanges, invariably; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to rectify the defects?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Sir, some complaints have been received. However, STD traffic at a number of places has gone up due to substantial growth of system resulting in congestion on certain STD routes.

(b) On congested routes circuits augmentation has been planned.

Conversion of mannual echgxnges into Electronic-Exchanges in Uttar Pradesh

3686. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2770 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th August, 1992 and state:

(a) the number of manual telephone exchanges at the District Headquarter converted into electronic exchange in the State of Uttar Pradesh and the name of exchanges at District Headquarter still manually operated; and

(b) what steps are being taken to convert them into electronic exchange and by when all the telephone exchanges at District Headquarter in Uttar Pradesh would be converted in electronic exchange?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 4 manual telephone exchanges during 1990-91 and 3 during 1991-92 were converted into electronic exchanges at District Headquarters in U.P. There is no manual telephone exchange at any District Headquarter now.

(b) Does not arise.

LP agents operating Post offices in the country

3687. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are a large number of LP agents operating post offices in Delhi and elsewhere; if so, their number of operation indicating whether they are expected to observe the normal working hours and whether this is actually being observed;

(b) whether services of any of these LP agents have been terminated so far non compliance of these LP agents have been terminated so far for non compliance of the terms and conditions including strict observance of business hours; and

(c) whether Government propose to appoint Extra Departmental Staff to run these LP agencies by alloting each of these agencies to 3-4 of them for joint running of each agency?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. There are only 8 L operating in Delhi and 178 in the of the country. They have to work a minimum of three hours daily. can be extended by the agent to suit convenience of the public.

((b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no such proposal?

Automation of telephone system

3688. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: SHRI SOM PAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNI TIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme for total a mation of telephone system has t evolved by Government;

(b) if so, what are its salient feat and objectives; and

(c) the expenditure is likely to be curred on the scheme and by when i likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN T MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIC (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAI (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to available infor tion 417 manual telephone exchanges existing in the country as on 1.4.19 As a part of modernisation plan of telecom network to provide impro service to the users and also to in duce NSD/ISD/Group Dialling facilit Government have planned to repl these exchanges by Automatic Teleph Exchanges of suitable capacity.

(c) (i) 246 crores (Approx.).

(ii) By March, 1994.

Suggestion of Videsh Sanchar Niga Limited about handling of telephone traffic

3689. SHRI SURESH KALMAI Will the Minister of COMMUNIC TIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vid Sanchar Nigam Limited has signed